Capital Restructuring Plan for RINL

1188. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has abandoned the capital restructuring plan of the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) being prepared in the light of the recommendations of the consultants appointed by Government;

(b) if so, what is the Ministry's plan to make the company a profitable and Financially viable unit; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to bail out the RINL from the present Financial crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) to (c) No, Sir. A comprehensive turnaround proposal of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) is presently under the consideration of the Government. No decision has yet been taken on this matter.

New VRS of SAIL

1189. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Ltd. has launched a new Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) with effect from 1st June, 1999;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) the response to the scheme, so far; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The SAIL scheme is based on deffered payment. Employees who are 52 years old or below, between 52 and 55 years, and above 55 years are to be paid 85%, 95% or 105% respectively of the Basic Pay+DA every month for their remaining months of service subject to a maximum period of 12 years or the date of superannuation,

whichever is earlier. The employees who have rendered fifteen years of service or are of 40 years and above are eligible for availing of VRS.

(c) and (d) The details of the Response to the scheme are as follows:

Number of persons separated plant/Unit-wise under the 1999 Voluntary Retirement Scheme

Plant	Number of VRS						
	Executive			Non-Executive			
	Works	Non-Works	Total	Works	Non-Works	Total	Grant Total
Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP)	158	368	526	861	2010	2871	3397
Durgapur Steel Plant (DSP)	179	115	294	1741	1149	2890	3184
Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP)	301	99	400	1565	654	2219	2619
Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL)	125	116	241	718	274	992	1233
Alloy Steel Plant (ASP)	228	70	298	902	329	1231	1529
Salem Steel Plant (SSP)	9	12	21	28	12	40	61
Raw Materials Division (RMD)	55	39	94	759	151	910	1004
Central Marketing Organisation (CMO)	0	58	58	0	412	412	470
Research & Development Centre for Iron & Steel (RDCIS)	12	13	25	0	12	12	37
Centre for Engineering & Technology (CET)	14	0	14	2	0	2	16

Plant	Number of VRS						
	Executive			Non-Excutive			
	Works	Non-Works	Total	Works	Non-Works	Total	Grant Total
Managing Training Institute (MTI)	0	5	31	0	3	3	8
Corporate Office (CO)	0	31	31	0	13	13	44
Growth Division Calcutta (GD-Cal)	15	0	15	0	0	0	15
Total	1096	926	2022	6576	5019	11595	13617

Revival of Steel Industry

1190. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Steel Industry is not doing well;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are Government's plans to revive this infrastructure industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) and (b) The steel industry in India has been facing a sluggish growth due to slow down in steel consuming sectors for the last few years. This sluggishness is attributable to the following factors:—

(i) Overall economic slow down in the country;

(ii) Cost escalation in input materials for steel industry;

(iii) Arrival of cheaper imports;

(iv) Dumping of finished steel by CIS and other countries;